



# Salt Lake County Mountainous Planning District Planning Commission (MPC)

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment  
Interim Committee

Utah Legislature

May 15, 2019



## Counties and Cities required to create Planning Commissions!

[Index](#) Utah Code

[Title 17](#) Counties

[Chapter 27a](#) County Land Use, Development, and Management Act

[Part 3](#) General Land Use Provisions

Section 302 Planning commission powers and duties. (*Effective 5/9/2017*)

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*Affected by [63I-2-217](#) on 6/1/2020*

*Effective 5/9/2017*

**17-27a-302. Planning commission powers and duties.**

Each countywide planning advisory area or mountainous planning district planning commission shall, with respect to the unincorporated area of the county, the planning advisory area, or the mountainous planning district, make a recommendation to the county legislative body for:

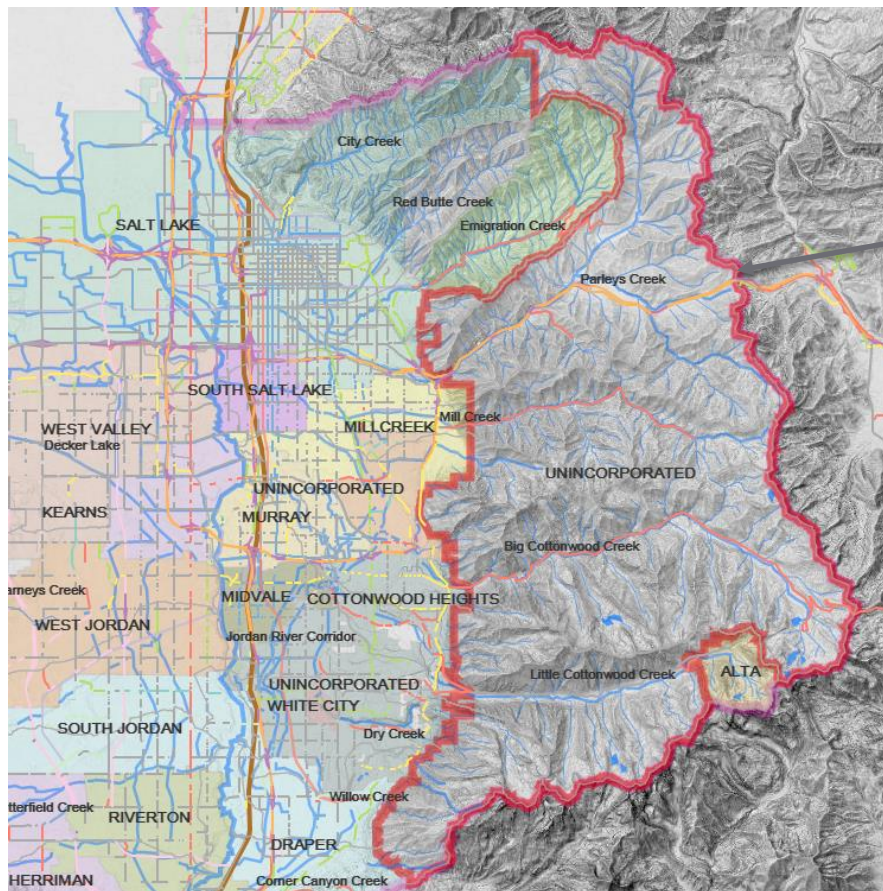
- (1) a general plan and amendments to the general plan;
- (2) land use regulations;
- (3) an appropriate delegation of power to at least one designated land use authority to hear and act on a land use application;
- (4) an appropriate delegation of power to at least one appeal authority to hear and act on an appeal from a decision of the land use authority; and
- (5) application processes that:
  - (a) may include a designation of routine land use matters that, upon application and proper notice, will receive informal streamlined review and action if the application is uncontested; and
  - (b) shall protect the right of each:
    - (i) applicant and third party to require formal consideration of any application by a land use authority;
    - (ii) applicant, adversely affected party, or county officer or employee to appeal a land use authority's decision to a separate appeal authority; and
    - (iii) participant to be heard in each public hearing on a contested application.



# Mountainous Planning District







District boundary

# MPC



## 9 Members + 2 Alternatives

Commissioner	Residence		Commissioner	Residence
Tod Young	Sandy City		Victoria Reid (nom.)	Millcreek City
Jim Palmer	Holladay		Laynee Jones	Big Cottonwood
Neil Cohen	Granite/Sandy		Nicole Omer	Cottonwood Heights
Don Despain	Big Cottonwood		Alt -	
Vacant	Salt Lake City		Alt -	
Christie Hutchings	South Jordan			

Canyon resident  
City Nominated seat



## Commission Roles: Land Use Applications

- Short Term Rentals
- Recreation
- Resort and Development



## 2019 Work:

Involvement on major projects:

- Wasatch Canyons General Plan Update
- Little Cottonwood Canyon UDOT Environmental Impact Statement

Applications:

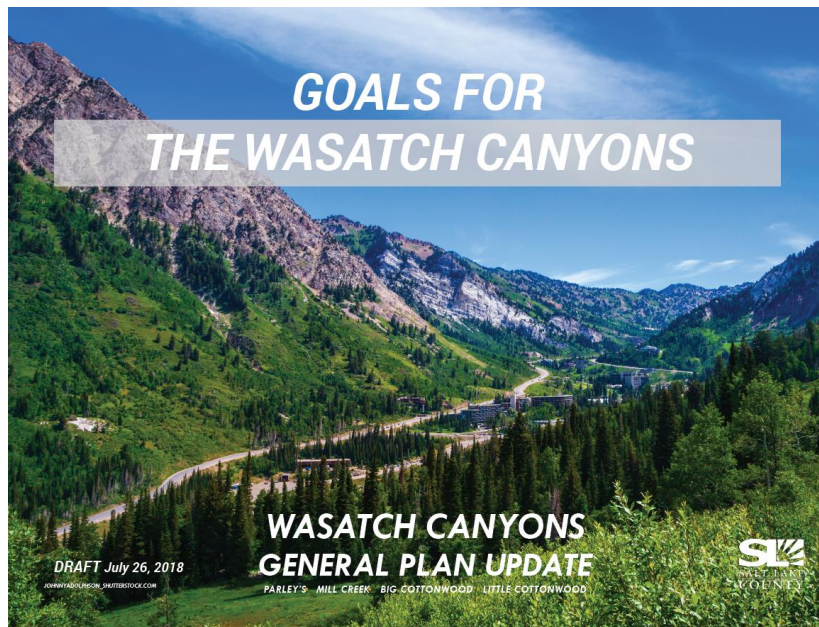
- Reviewed 4 conditional use permit applications for:
  - Short-term rentals
  - Private recreational use
  - 2-unit dwelling group





## Commission Roles:

### Plans – Wasatch Canyons General Plan update



#### 19 Specific Goals & Strategies:

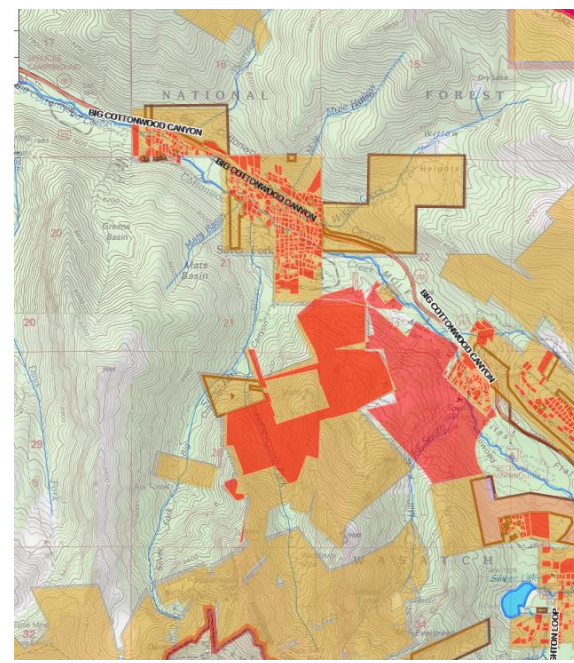
- Recreation Management and Maintenance
- Dedicated Funding Sources
- Transit Service Enhancement
- Roadway Facilities
- Public Utility Infrastructure
- Parking Management
- Active Transportation
- Pedestrian Facilities
- and more.....

<https://slco.org/planning-transportation/wasatch-canyons-general-plan-update/>





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## Benefits of the MPC

- **Specific PC focus on the Canyons**
- **Providing guidance to the Wasatch Canyons General Plan**
- **Experience with FCOZ and MRZ Ordinances**



## MPD is NOT:

- **Mountain Accord**
  - Informal collaboration of government, private interests, advocacy groups
- **Central Wasatch Commission**
  - Successor to Mtn Accord, interlocal agreement of governments to push forward the Accord

# MPC

## Questions



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